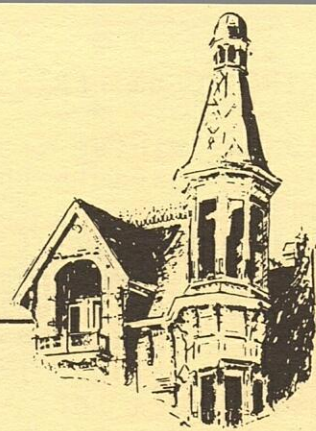


NEWSLETTER

Stephen Recken, Director/Editor



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CCHS RECIEVES SECOND FRED MEYER GRANT !

The Fred Meyer Charitable Trust has helped us move one big step closer to completing the Heritage Center Project by awarding CCHS a \$95,000 challenge grant.

The funds are urgently needed to complete the exterior restoration begun last September with the installation of a new slate roof. The next steps are repair to the exterior carpentry and application of a new coat of paint. With the renovation of the outside completed, we will focus our efforts toward developing new exhibits.

In announcing the grant, CCHS President Michael Foster expressed his sincere gratitude to the foundation's Trustees and staff. To receive the \$95,000, CCHS must raise \$285,000 in cash contributions, pledges, grants, and in-kind donations. President Foster appointed a select committee to steer the project to completion. Included are Arnold Seeborg and Bob Lovell, co-chairmen, Eleanor Forrester, Al Vernon, Henry Wagner, and CCHS Director Stephen Recken.

Col. Seeborg and Mr. Lovell stated that further plans would be announced soon.

ASTORIA MARKS 175 YEARS

Astoria will celebrate its 175th birthday in style on April 12, 1986. John Jacob Astor VIII, Lord Astor Baron of Hever will be our guest of honor. We hope you can attend all or some of the events.

The half hour commemoration ceremony at Fort Astoria's site (15th and Exchange) begins at 1:00 p.m. The program will feature musket and cannon firing similar to what occurred here 175 years ago. There will also be dramatic readings from the Astorians' diaries, a balloon release for children, and music. Mayor Edith Henningsgaard will offer some remarks, and Professor Gordon Dodds, a leading historian of the Pacific Northwest, will present a short address. Refreshments at the Heritage Center will follow the ceremony.

Other activities include historical walking tours of downtown Astoria at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. and a dedication of tidal rock east of the Astor Hotel. The city of Astoria is the event's major sponsor.

STAFF TRANSITIONS

The Board of Directors has accepted with regrets the resignation of our Cumtux editor, Roger Tetlow. The Board expressed gratitude for the great contribution he made by establishing this important program within our organization. The next issue of Cumtux will carry an extended tribute to his work.

Long-time members will recall that Roger originally proposed the concept that CCHS publish a quarterly history magazine. Since its inception, it has proven to be a very popular chronicle of the Clatsop region.

In the interim, Board member Evelyn Hankel will serve as Editor and Walt Vernstrom will serve as Graphic Artist.

NEW EXHIBIT TO OPEN

On April 6 the Heritage Center will open its second gallery with an exhibit entitled "Picture That!" The exhibit will run through the end of April. Please stop in to enjoy it.

"Picture That!" features award-winning illustrations from children's books and presents a brief history of children's literature. The illustrations are from the 1930s through the 1970s. Visual Arts Resources of the University of Oregon Museum of Art is circulating the exhibit, and financial supporters include the National Endowment for the Arts, the Oregon Arts Commission, and the Friends of the Museum. This is the first of many temporary exhibits that the Heritage Center Museum will feature.

FROM THE VOLUNTEER'S DESK

For Lo the winter is gone, the spring is come and the voice of the turtle is heard in the land. I haven't had any conversations with a turtle lately but I am reasonably sure that winter has indeed disappeared. One significant observation is that Keven is rushing around with a wheelbarrow full of dirt etc. Plants that I have been observing in one place suddenly appear in another and daffodils I thought were new seem to have ridden in the wheelbarrow to another location. It has been a long hard winter but we have accomplished a lot. Thanks to Mary Lovell's everready sewing machine we have new curtains for the bedroom we redid this winter. Ray Collins finished applying the wallpaper in the bathroom that the Zontas gave us; washed his hands and started on plastering the kitchen. I wouldn't dare tell you how much money he has saved us as it would be too embarrassing. Not to be outdone by Ray, Max Bigby took one giant leap from the top of the ladder to the bottom, while he was helping John Goodenberger put wall border in the music room. Max says he is fine now and we are all very happy for him.

The Lioness Ladies, besides donating money towards the kitchen, came and gave us our spring house cleaning. The woodwork is waxed and the floors are polished and fireplaces clean and shining. I never realized how good lemon oil smelled. Now we are all ready for summer.

Returning visitors will find that the kitchen is newly restored, the front parlor has a new rug, furniture from the Collins home reupholstered, new drapes at the windows. We are going to look elegant for all of our upcoming events. These events will include a reception at the Heritage Center on our 175th anniversary of the founding of Astoria, a reception for Lord Astor while he is here for the event. The main event is the Spring Fling, April 17th for the hosts and hostesses to get back in the groove for the summer. We need more volunteers than ever as the house has so much more volume and I hope to have some people upstairs to supervise. This may appeal to some of you more than working at the desk so please call and join us.

Anticipating all of these things makes me tired, so with your permission I think I will go and find a turtle.

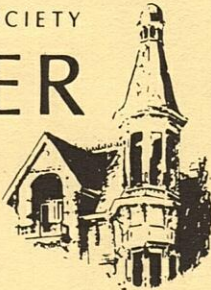
Jean Anderson

Monthly Luncheon will be at the Wickup Inn at noon on April 16. The restaurant is located just off highway 30 at the Swenson Junction. Program will feature slides of Wahiakum county presented by the Wahiakum County Historical Society. This is our last monthly luncheon until fall so plan to attend. Call 325-2203 for reservations.

April 6....."Picture That" Exhibit opens
April 12.....Astoria 175th Birthday Program
April 16.....Monthly Luncheon
April 17.....Volunteers' Party
May 17.....Jane Barnes Day

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